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Staphylococcus Enterotoxin B (SEB)

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Remember that these samples may be <u>toxic!</u> Extreme caution should be taken in collecting, preparing for shipment and transporting any material suspected of being contaminated with this agent.

Specimen collection and transport

Acceptable samples:

Specimens best suited for testing include: paper, powders, soil or mud, water, food, drink, environmental swabs (Dacron, rayon or foam, not cotton) and environmental wipes (non-cotton gauze, polyester blend materials).

Reporting:

All reporting times are the minimum time. Any individual specimen could take longer.

Presumptive results should be available in 4 hours. Samples will be referred to CDC for confirmation.

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